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BUSINESS REPORT

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Date: Friday, February 20, 2015
Place: Capitol

Time: 3:00 PM
Room: 102

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

HB 330 - Establish standards for law enforcement use and acquisition of certain equipment -
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer
HB 493 - Provide for financing and construction of the south west veterans' home - Rep. Ryan
Lynch
HB 563 - Provide for a rainy day reserve fund - Rep. Frank Garner
HB 572 - Revise treasure state endowment program laws - Rep. Mike Cuffe

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

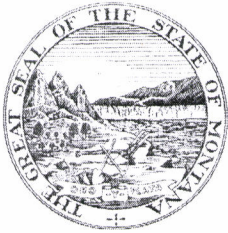
HB 322, DO PASS
HB 330, BE TABLED
HB 337, DO PASS

Comments:

None



REP. Nancy Ballance, Chair



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APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL

Feb. 20, 2015

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT/EXCUSED
REP. RANDY BRODEHL	✓	
REP. KELLY MCCARTHY	✓	
REP. TOM WOODS	✓	
REP. CARL GLIMM	✓	
REP. DAVE HAGSTROM	✓	
REP. BOB MEHLHOFF	✓	
REP. TOM BURNETT	✓	
REP. DONALD JONES	✓	
REP. MITCH TROPILA	✓	
REP. JANET ELLIS	✓	
REP. ROY HOLLANDSWORTH	✓	
REP. RON EHLI		✓
REP. BRAD TSCHIDA	✓	
REP. RAE PEPPERS	✓	
REP. KIMBERLY DUDIK	✓	
REP. KENNETH HOLMLUND	✓	
REP. MIKE CUFFE	✓	
REP. PAT NOONAN , MIN. VICE CHAIRMAN		✓
REP. RYAN OSMUNDSON , MAJ. VICE CHAIRMAN		✓
REP. NANCY BALLANCE , CHAIR	✓	

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HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Appropriations** recommend that **House Bill 322** (second reading copy - yellow) **do pass**.

Signed: *Nancy Ballance*
Representative Nancy Ballance, Chair

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Committee Vote:

Yes 12, No 8

Fiscal Note Required X

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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Appropriations** recommend that **House Bill 337** (second reading copy -
- yellow) **do pass**.

Signed: _____

Nancy Ballance
Representative Nancy Ballance, Chair

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Committee Vote:

Yes 20, No 0

Fiscal Note Required X

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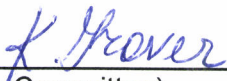
BILL TABLED NOTICE

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE TABLED

HB 330 - Establish standards for law enforcement use and acquisition of certain equipment - Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer



by motion, on **Friday, February 20, 2015** (PLEASE USE THIS ACTION DATE IN LAWS BILL STATUS).



(For the Committee)



(For the Chief Clerk of the House)

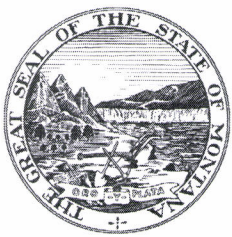
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(Time) (Date)

February 20, 2015 (5:42pm)

Katya Grover, Secretary

Phone: 444-1754



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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL VOTE

BILL NUMBER HB 322

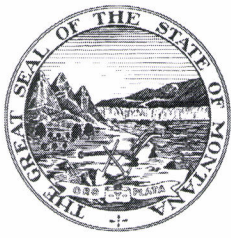
DATE Feb. 20, 2015

MOTION Do Pass

NAME	AYE	NO	PROXY
REP. RANDY BRODEHL	✓		
REP. KELLY MCCARTHY		✓	
REP. TOM WOODS		✓	
REP. CARL GLIMM	✓		
REP. DAVE HAGSTROM	✓		
REP. BOB MEHLHOFF		✓	
REP. TOM BURNETT	✓		
REP. DONALD JONES	✓		
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REP. KENNETH HOLMLUND	✓		
REP. MIKE CUFFE	✓		
REP. PAT NOONAN , MIN. VICE CHAIRMAN		✓	
REP. RYAN OSMUNDSON , MAJ. VICE CHAIRMAN	✓		
REP. NANCY BALLANCE , CHAIR	✓		

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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL VOTE

BILL NUMBER HB 330

DATE Feb. 20, 2015

MOTION Do Pass

NAME	AYE	NO	PROXY
REP. RANDY BRODEHL	✓		
REP. KELLY MCCARTHY	✓		
REP. TOM WOODS		✓	
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REP. DAVE HAGSTROM		✓	
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REP. NANCY BALLANCE , CHAIR	✓		

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HB 493 - Provide for financing and construction of the south west veterans' home

Sponsor: Rep. Ryan Lynch

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Name	Representing	Support	Oppose	Info
Jack Whelan	Butte American Legion	X		
Dave Palmer	Butte-Silver Bow	X		
EARL M. LARVIE	BUTTE VFW 1448	X		
Harry Sonzogni	Butte	X		
John Anagnostis	Libra VFW	X		
Nelson Lyons	Nelson	X		
Walter Vincent	Butte	X		
Sam Goyette	Butte	X		
Greg Pendrak	Butte	X		
James M. Jarbo	Butte	X		
John Jordan	Butte	X		
MATT VIOBERT	BUTTE-SILVER BOW	X		
Leonard Wortman	Jefferson County	X		
Kenneth Lane	Silver Bow County	X		
Marko Luccich	Butte Chamber	X		
Jim Smith	Butte Silver Bow	X		
Ed Gurin	BUTTE MT	X		
John Thompson	Butte, MT	X		
Lida Tysen	Butte, MT	X		
Rep-Jeff Wellon	HD 72	X		
Rep Ray Brown	HD 71	X		
Rep Ryan	HD 41	X		

Please leave prepared testimony with Secretary. Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.

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Sponsor: Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer

Rep. Ryan Lynch

HB 493-

Provide for financing & construction of the south west veterans home.

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Name	Representing	Support	Oppose	Info
JOHN NUGENT	BUTTE MT	X		
TOM REAMER	BUTTE VFW	X		
MELVIN NORBURY	BUTTE VET	X		
ELIEN A GREG	BUTTE MT	X		
MELVIN KICNIGER	BUTTE VFW	X		
PAUL HOLLAND	BUTTE SILVER BOW	X		
MIKE JAMPH	BUTTE VFW	X		
DAVE FARRIS	BUTTE M.C.L.	X		
SHADE SMITH	BUTTE MT	X		
TOM GAYETTE	BUTTE MT	X		
BRUCE JENKINS	BUTTE MT	X		
EDWIN M. GARY	BUTTE MT	X		
BOB PAULOVICH	BUTTE MT	X		
F. P. LYNCH	Building Trades	X		

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HB 572 - Revise treasure state endowment program laws

Sponsor: ~~Rep. Mike Cuffe~~ → Rep. Ryan Lynch

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Friday, February 20, 2015

HB 563 - Provide for a rainy day reserve fund

Sponsor: Rep. Frank Garner

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HB 305: House Appropriations Committee

2/19/2015: DPHHS Responses re: Requests for Information

Breakdown of HB 305 Subsections: As Proposed in the Executive Budget

The provisions of HB 305, as proposed in the Executive Budget, would provide funds to strengthen child protection and allow the Department to fulfill its statutory obligations. In combination, the provisions are intended to create efficiencies and reforms by requiring CFSD to:

Subsection	Explanation of Importance
(1) a national independent accreditation entity an estimate of the cost of achieving accreditation for child and family services and an initial accreditation assessment of child and family services provided by the department;	Allows for CFSD to determine what it would cost to bring current programs; such as, investigations, foster care, and licensing into compliance with national accreditation standards.
(2) establish caseload standards for child welfare and licensing employees and maintain staffing levels that meet national standards;	Allows for CFSD to maintain the level of staff necessary to meet national standards as determined in the accreditation assessment set forth in subsection (1).
(3) fund family preservation services, parent-child visitation services, foster care services, and post-permanency support services;	Allows for CFSD to expand services to include emerging best practices and evidence-based models across the child protection spectrum.
(4) examine and, where appropriate, restructure rates in order to incentivize interventions and services that are proven effective in preventing and treating child abuse and neglect;	Allows for CFSD to study and subsequently restructure the rate matrix designed in the 1980s (used to determine payments for service providers) to improve safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes.
(5) coordinate with county health departments to establish and maintain high-quality, in-home partnerships between public health nurses and families;	Allows for CFSD to expand the Foster Child Health Program that currently exists only in a few counties in Western Montana. The Foster Child Health Program supports children in foster care by assigning a public health nurse to follow the child.
(6) implement an electronic records management system and an integrated, automated case management system in order to: (a) ensure that information is available statewide; (b) enhance protections for children; and (c) protect the privacy rights of persons whose information is part of the child welfare system case records;	Allows for CFSD to upgrade its case management system by building a component of a new system that would provide for electronic case records, efficiencies in workflow management, enhanced child safety through increased access to timely and accurate information statewide, and increased privacy protections for individuals.

HB 305: House Appropriations Committee

2/19/2015: DPHHS Responses re: Requests for Information

Average FTE Costs

Position Title	Rate	Annual Base	OT	FICA	PERS	SUT	DWC	Insurance	Personal Services Cost Per FTE	# FTE	Total Annual ITSD- related	Total Annual Other Operating	Total
Child Protection Specialist	\$18.77	\$39,342	\$3,660	\$3,156	\$3,036	\$108	\$581	\$10,644	\$60,526	5.5	\$13,570	\$63,613	\$410,078
Child Protection Specialist Supervisor	\$23.86	\$50,011	\$2,792	\$3,876	\$3,728	\$132	\$713	\$10,644	\$71,895	1	\$2,347	\$10,500	\$84,742
Total										6.5			\$494,820

Notes:

- Overtime is based on average numbers of OT hours worked per pay period for each staff type.
- ITSD Related costs include:
 - SITSD & Network Connectivity
 - Phone/Voicemail
 - Computer replacement allocation
- Other operating costs include rent, travel, training, communications, supplies, materials and other operating; calculated from SFY 2015 regional expenditure projections, average allocation per FTE for regionally-based positions.

Data for DPHHS

DPHHS is currently averaging 188 funded vacancies per month. This level of vacancy is necessary to achieve the agency personal services budget within appropriated levels. For SFY 2014, personal services expenditures were within \$11,000 of the agency personal services appropriation.

STATEWIDE ISSUES

Protecting Montana's Children

All children have a fundamental right to a safe and healthy childhood, and we must ensure the Child and Family Services Division (CFSD) and their partners meet outcome measures designed to ensure that children who have been abused and neglected find safety, achieve permanency, and have their needs met while in the custody of the State of Montana.

Over the past biennium, CFSD has seen more than a 20 percent increase in its caseload. Since a low point of children in foster care in 2008, the caseload has increased by nearly 60 percent. The number of children in foster care has gone from 1507 in 2008 to a near record high of 2391 as of September 2014. Gov. Bullock is proposing to devote additional resources to keep kids safe by ensuring CFSD can perform its statutory obligations and meet the increased workload and caseload across Montana. The additional resources will be used to specifically target areas to improve outcomes for children and families. It will allow CFSD to:

- Provide high quality ongoing case management in open cases until permanency is achieved;
- Fund critical services that will help to prevent future child abuse and neglect by intervening in current cases using best practices that have been demonstrated to stop the intergenerational cycle of child maltreatment;
- Hire and maintain adequate staff to ensure that statutory mandates and timelines are met and caseloads are kept at a level at which social workers can timely and thoroughly assess child safety in every investigation; and
- Target funds at development of an electronic case management system to improve efficiencies in the work done by CFSD staff each day.

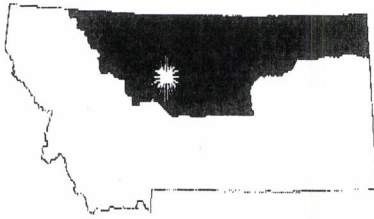
This investment, totaling \$3 million, must be made to ensure the safety and health of Montana's most vulnerable children.

Equal Pay for Equal Work

Fifty years after the passage of the Equal Pay Act of 1963, a pay gap still exists between men and women in Montana. Gov. Bullock believes that Montana women earning 67.1 percent of their male counterparts is unacceptable. That is why he formed the Equal Pay Task Force to gather information, furnish advice, and provide recommendations on policies and actions to insure that Montana workers earn equal pay for equal work, regardless of gender.

Wage fairness issues are nonpartisan and affect economic opportunities for entire Montana families. While the Task Force has taken many steps over the past two years, three primary issues emerged from the Task Force requiring legislative action.

North Central Independent Living Services, Inc.



**ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS**

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February 19, 2015

Katya Groves
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Chair Ballance and Members of the House Appropriations Committee:

My name is Shyla Patera. I am employed as an Independent Living Specialist at North Central Independent Living Services, Inc. North Central Independent Living Services, Inc. supports HB 337 Increase Resource Limits On Medicaid For Workers with Disabilities. When the Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities program was passed and implemented, North Central Independent Living Services, Inc. has proudly supported this program. NCILS and the other three Centers for Independent Living know that healthcare was and often can be a barrier to work. Many workers have medical and personal needs that can best be met through Medicaid. Workers want to work and save for retirement. This is an issue for workers as many age and want to save for retirement and both participate in Montana's communities. As of today, workers face stringent resource limits and many do not feel encouraged to save because of increased spend downs once they leave the workforce due to either illness or retirement. NCILS recognizes the current fiscal impact of HB337, but the investment in Montana's workforce especially those with disabilities is significant and appreciated. Thank you for allowing North Central Independent Living Services, Inc. to submit written testimony.

Shyla C. Patera
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IL Specialist

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